

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH J. BENZ,

Defendant.

4:13CR3121

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Defendant has moved to continue the pretrial motion deadline, (filing no. 16), because defense counsel needs additional time to investigate the behavioral and mental impact of the defendant's prescribed medications and whether medication side effects may provide a potential defense to this case. The motion to continue is unopposed. Based on the showing set forth in the motion, the court finds the motion should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1) Defendant's motion to continue, (filing no. 16), is granted.
- 2) Pretrial motions and briefs shall be filed on or before March 10, 2014.
- 3) Trial of this case is continued pending resolution of any pretrial motions filed.
- 4) The ends of justice served by granting the motion to continue outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, and the additional time arising as a result of the granting of the motion, the time between today's date and March 10, 2014, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirements of the Speedy Trial Act, because despite counsel's due diligence, additional time is needed to adequately prepare this case for trial and failing to grant additional time might result in a miscarriage of justice. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B).

February 3, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Cheryl R. Zwart
United States Magistrate Judge